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510(k) Summary

ArthroCare Corporation
ArthroCare® Cavity SpineWands®

General Information

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Device Description

Trade Name:	ArthroCare® Cavity SpineWands®
Generic/Common Name:	Electrosurgical Device and Accessories
Classification Name:	Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Device and Accessories (21 CFR 878.4400)

Predicate Devices

ArthroCare® Wands	K001588 and K060823
RITA System	K040989

Product Description

The ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands are bipolar, single use, high frequency electrosurgical devices designed for specific indications in spinal procedures.

Intended Uses

The ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands are indicated for resection, ablation, and coagulation of soft tissue and hemostasis of blood vessels in percutaneous, intraoperative or spinal procedures including the creation of a cavity in malignant lesions in a vertebral body.

Substantial Equivalence

This 510(k) proposes a new indication and labeling for the ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands. The technology, principle of operation, materials, and sterilization parameters of the ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands remain the same as those Wands cleared in the ArthroCare predicate 510(k)s. The ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands are also substantially to the RITA System in indications for use and technology.

Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

The ArthroCare Cavity SpineWands, as described in this 510(k), are substantially equivalent to the predicate devices. The new proposed indication and labeling are not substantial changes or modifications, and do not significantly affect the safety or efficacy of the devices.

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Re: K063172
Trade/Device Name: ArthroCare® Cavity SpineWands®
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4400
Regulation Name: Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: GEI
Dated: March 14, 2007
Received: March 15, 2007

Dear Ms. DeFiesta-Ng:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0115. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (240) 276-3150 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/industry/support/index.html.

Sincerely yours,

Mark N. Melkerson
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and Neurological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
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Enclosure

Indications for Use Statement

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Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)		AND/OR	Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)	
	X			

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative, and Neurological Devices

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